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Introduced by
Senator Flake: Representatives Brown, Konopnicki

A JOINT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STATE ROADWAYS AS THE HISTORIC HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS MEMORIAL TRAIL IN HONOR OF THE HASHKNIFE POSSE'S FIFTIETH ANNUAL RIDE FROM HOLBROOK TO SCOTTSDALE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the Pony Express was established in April of 1860 in an effort
2 to dramatically shorten the length of time needed to deliver mail from the
3 eastern United States to settlements in the west; and

4 Whereas, the Pony Express successfully reduced the mail delivery times
5 from three weeks to ten days; and

6 Whereas, the Pony Express featured 80 riders traversing hundreds of
7 miles of barren trails at high speeds on horseback; and

8 Whereas, each January for the past 49 years, the Hashknife Pony Express
9 memorializes the bravery and courage of the Pony Express riders by delivering
10 over 20,000 pieces of first class mail on horseback from Holbrook to
11 Scottsdale; and

12 Whereas, each elite rider is officially sworn in as an honorary mail
13 messenger, braving weather, terrain and modern-day obstacles to deliver
14 United States mail; and

15 Whereas, the Hashknife Pony Express is the oldest officially sanctioned
16 Pony Express in the world; and

17 Whereas, January 29, 2008 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the
18 Hashknife's annual ride.

19 Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

20 1. That the following state roadways be designated as the Hashknife
21 Pony Express Memorial Trail:

22 (a) State Highway 77, from the intersection of Erie Street and Navajo
23 Boulevards in Holbrook to its intersection with State Route 377.

24 (b) State Route 377, from its intersection with State Highway 77 to
25 its intersection with State Route 277.

26 (c) State Route 277, from its intersection with State Route 377 to its
27 intersection with Mogollon Drive in Overgaard.

28 (d) State Route 260, from its intersection with Mogollon Drive in
29 Overgaard to its intersection with State Route 87.

30 (e) State Route 87, from its intersection with State Route 260 to its
31 intersection with McDowell Road, and from its intersection with State Route
32 260 to the post office in Pine.

33 2. That the Arizona Department of Transportation approve, place and
34 maintain appropriate signage purchased by the Hashknife Pony Express Posse or
35 any other public or private group or individual to identify the historic
36 Hashknife Pony Express memorial trail.

37 3. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Resolution to
38 the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Chairman of the
39 State Transportation Board, the Mayors of the cities of Holbrook and
40 Scottsdale and the captain of the Hashknife Pony Express Posse.